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S. 3428

To designate the Memorial of Perpetual Tears, which honors victims of driving while impaired, as the official National DWI Victims Memorial.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 26, 2010

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National DWI Victims
5 Memorial Designation Act of 2010”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Alcohol-impaired driving fatalities represent
2 approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ of all highway fatalities in the
3 United States each year.

4 (2) In 2008, there were 11,773 alcohol-im-
5 paired driving fatalities in the United States.

6 (3) The Memorial of Perpetual Tears, located
7 adjacent to Interstate 40 in the City of Moriarty,
8 New Mexico, opened in November 2008 to honor the
9 victims of Driving While Impaired (hereinafter re-
10 ferred to as “DWI”).

11 (4) The mission of the Memorial of Perpetual
12 Tears is to raise awareness of the devastation caused
13 by DWI crashes by recognizing their victims, edu-
14 cating the public, and encouraging preventive meas-
15 ures.

16 (5) The Memorial of Perpetual Tears is the
17 only memorial of its kind in the United States.

18 (6) The Memorial of Perpetual Tears is a visi-
19 ble statement to the world expressing what words
20 cannot by portraying fatalities and injuries caused
21 by DWI.

22 (7) The Memorial of Perpetual Tears resembles
23 a veterans’ cemetery with markers representing the
24 most recent 5-year period of deaths attributed to
25 DWI in New Mexico.

1 (8) The Memorial of Perpetual Tears includes
2 a site dedicated to victims of DWI nationwide.

3 (9) The Memorial of Perpetual Tears gives rec-
4 ognition to innocent victims of DWI nationwide by
5 displaying Victim Tribute books in the memorial vis-
6 itor center. The Victim Tribute books include stories
7 and pictures submitted by injured victims and family
8 members of those killed in DWI crashes.

9 (10) The Memorial of Perpetual Tears offers
10 public education on DWI prevention as well as na-
11 tional and local DWI information to visitors.

12 (11) The Memorial of Perpetual Tears is visible
13 from Interstate 40 and attracts visitors traveling on
14 that major Interstate Highway.

15 (12) The Memorial of Perpetual Tears attracts
16 visitors from across the United States, many of
17 whom make the Memorial of Perpetual Tears the
18 destination of their trip.

19 (13) The City of Moriarty and the State of New
20 Mexico invite travelers on Interstate 40 and all
21 Americans to visit the Memorial of Perpetual Tears.

22 (14) The Memorial of Perpetual Tears helps
23 focus attention on the need to eliminate DWI as a
24 national priority.

1 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF THE MEMORIAL OF PERPETUAL**
2 **TEARS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Memorial of Perpetual Tears,
4 located adjacent to Interstate 40 in the City of Moriarty,
5 New Mexico, shall be known and designated as the “Na-
6 tional DWI Victims Memorial”.

7 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
8 ulation, document, record, or other paper of the United
9 States to the memorial described in subsection (a) shall
10 be considered to be a reference to the “National DWI Vic-
11 tims Memorial”.

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